GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4420
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2000
BLACK LISTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIRMS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Department of Telecommunications including MTNL hasinitiated any action against the telecommunications firms which have been black-listed;

(b) if so,the details of such firms and reasons for being black-listed, State-wise; (

(c) the total amount of losses reported in the country as a result thereof and pertaining to theft of cables and other equipments in Calcutta during the last three years; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against these firms?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA VIDE PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 442 FOR 24TH APRIL, 2000 REGARDING BLACK LISTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIRMS.

(a) & (d): The Department has not made any new contract with the black listed firms during the ban period.

(b) The following Telecommunications Firms have been black listed by the Department of Telecom(DOT)/MTNL:

(i) M/s TELEMATICS SYSTEMS LTD., CHENNAI
The firm was black listed by the DOT for a period of three years w.e.f. 29.9.1997. The firm participated in DOT Tender in November, 1994-95 and emerged as L1 bidder. The firm did not accept the Advance Purchase Order and backed out. The Firm was black listed and business activities with them were banned for three years.

(ii) M/s ARM Ltd., HYDERABAD

The firm was black listed by DOT w.e.f. 8.8.1997 for a period of 2 years on the basis of recommendations of CBI. However, considering the appeal preferred by the Firm the ban period was reduced to 8 months and lifted w.e.f. 8.4.1998.

(iii) M/s RAJAN ENTERPRISES, DELHI

The Firm has been black listed by MTNL because of the supply of poor and substandard items.

(iv) M/s VIKAS TOUR & TRAVELS, NEW DELHI
The firm has been black listed by MTNL as it submitted forged documents for obtaining tender for hiring of vehicles.

(v) M/s HCL COMNET SYSTEM & SERVICES LTD.
The Firm did not supply computer items against the purchase order issued and therefore, was black listed by MTNL.

(c) The total amount of losses due to theft of cable in Calcutta Telephones during the last three years is given below:-

Year	Amount(Rs.)
1997-98	6,08,060
1998-99	6,000
1999-2000	14,000

All the above mentioned theft cases have been reported to the police stations and preventive steps have been taken to prevent theft of cables in future.